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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed August 24, 2005, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse Invention II Claims 10-18, drawn to a method of mixing and applying a corrosion barrier to an existing pipe system in a multi-story building, classified in class 427, subclass 230.

Based on the restriction requirement, Applicant lists inventions readable thereon as follows:

Invention I: Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of applying a barrier coating to pipes, classified in class 427, subclass 230.

Invention II: Claims 10-18, drawn to a method of mixing and applying a corrosion barrier to an existing pipe system in a multi-story building, classified in class 427, subclass 230.

Invention III: Claims 19-24, drawn to a method of applying a barrier coating to pipes, classified in class 427, subclass 230.

Applicant disagrees with the restriction requirement for several reasons. The Primary Examiner separates the claims 1-24.

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A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exists that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc.

The examiner has not stated that separate searches and separate examiners are necessary to examine these inventions.

Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. Separate prosecution can create an unnecessary financial burden for both the Applicant and the Patent Office. If Inventions I-III can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

For these reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

In reference to the restriction requirement, Applicant again wishes to make their election to prosecute the Invention II, Claims 10-18, drawn to a method of mixing and applying a corrosion barrier of an existing pipe system in a multi-story building with traverse. If further restrictions are merited, please let us know.

Thus, for the above reasons, the restriction requirement is not proper and Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement.

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